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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with C/PS/DDS on OMS Program Submission
FY 1973-1977

1. At the request of [REDACTED] C/PS/DDS, I met with him on 31 March to discuss the OMS Program Submission, FY 1973-1977. [REDACTED] had reviewed our submission and desired to discuss certain points. Actually, there were two (2) major points he wished to discuss:

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a. OMS plans for the Information Processing System (IPS), and

b. Utilization of the OMS authorized ceiling for contract personnel.

2. Information Processing System

[REDACTED] indicated that based on his discussion of our IPS plans with [REDACTED] C/SSS (who at [REDACTED] request had also reviewed our submission) he feels that we need, prior to FY 1973, a study -- presumably by outside consultants -- of our records system. In such a study ^{our} problem would be "defined" and specific and detailed plans would be developed for the installation of the new IPS in FY 1973. Based on the views of C/SSS (and [REDACTED] C/RAB/SSS) [REDACTED] suggests that some \$75,000 might be required for such a study alone. He suggests therefore that the \$91,000 we request for IPS for FY 1973 be left as is in our submission -- as funds that could be required for actual installation and operation of the new IPS -- and that we consider requesting additional funds now to get the suggested study completed. [REDACTED] is prepared to help us get such additional funds, perhaps from year-end surpluses in the Support Directorate.

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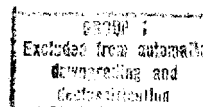
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I reminded [REDACTED] that our program submission last year contained -- on the specific advice of the then-C/SSS -- just

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such a study proposal, and this was not approved. Nevertheless, he feels that OMS would be in a better position to answer any question from O/PPB on our current program submission if we were able to state that such a prior study was underway or had been initiated.

I indicated OMS appreciation to [REDACTED] for his advice and offer of assistance and assured him that we would consider this without delay since current (FY 1971) year-end funds might be an opportune source of the necessary funds for the suggested study.

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3. Contract Ceiling

25X1A [REDACTED] indicated that based on our program submission and D/MS's briefing at the Preliminary Program Review in December 1970, he feels he understands multiphasic screening. And he believes that if OMS can carry out the plans outlined in our submission for reaching Agency employees whom we do not now see, this would be one of the best dollar investments by the Agency he is aware of. He furthermore commends us for our realism in requesting no increase in staff or contract ceiling. He wonders however how we can project additional contract employees (we are in fact requesting funds for five in FY 1973) under our current contract ceiling. I explained that our plans are to substitute these new full-time contract employees for contract employees who are presently charged against our ceiling (there are presently 10 against our ceiling of 12) but who are working for us only infrequently. One such contract employee charged to our ceiling, for example, has been paid only \$29 in FY 1971. [REDACTED] thought this was "good management".

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5. In conclusion, [REDACTED] informed that he planned to brief the DD/S on our program submission -- along with those

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of the other support offices. He is hopeful that no formal DD/S review will be necessary. He is also hopeful that no formal O/PPB hearing will be necessary. In this regard he indicated that he had already provided O/PPB a copy of our program submission and that [REDACTED] of O/PPB is reviewing it. The plan is that any questions O/PPB has might be resolved by O/DDS -- with OMS assistance as required.

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